

House Docket, No. 5321
Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5150

Message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his disapproval of certain items-and sections and reductions of certain items contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 for the maintenance of the- departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial-bond requirements and for certain improvements (see House, No. 5000).

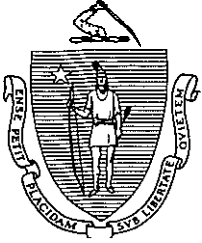
H.R. July 8, 2006.

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Message read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on WAYS AND MEANS.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article 63 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am today signing House 5000, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2007 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities for the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

I commend the General Court for completing this budget in a timely manner and for not raising taxes. I am also pleased that you recognized the importance of two priorities initiated in my House 2 budget recommendation. Like my proposal, this budget significantly increases local aid by distributing 100 percent of our annual Lottery revenue to cities and towns. And similar to my budget recommendation, more money is directed to Chapter 70 school aid through a reformed formula that ensures the distribution is based on equity and is sensitive to future changes in enrollment.

Unfortunately, the overall level of spending growth in the budget is simply too high and relies on \$550 million in rainy day funds. Rainy day funds should not be utilized during periods of robust revenue growth to support a level of spending growth that is not sustainable. As enacted, this budget would have increased spending by 7.5 percent over last year's budget – a rate of growth that is far from sustainable. I believe that it would be fiscally irresponsible for me to sign this budget without making significant reductions.

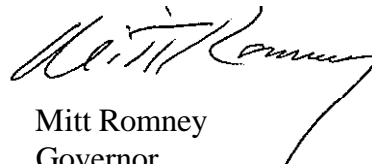
For that reason, I am reducing spending by \$572.6 million including \$458.6 million in line item reductions and \$114 million in excessive payments to hospitals and community health centers. I am also striking the provision that transfers money from the Stabilization Fund to the General Fund.

Therefore:

- I am hereby reducing appropriation amounts in items of section 2 of House 5000 enumerated in Attachment A of this message by the amount and for the reasons set forth therein;
- I am striking wording in items of sections 2 and 2B of House 5000 also set forth in Attachment A, for the reasons set forth therein;
- I am striking in their entirety sections 4, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 58, 59, 60, 61, 94, 103, 104, and 129 of House 5000 itemized in Attachment B of this message for the reasons set forth in that attachment; and
- Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning sections 93, 95, 106, 117, and 123 with recommendations for amendment. My reasons for doing so and the recommended amendments are set forth in separate letters of even date, which are hereby incorporated by reference and included with this message as Attachments C, D, E, F, and G.

I hereby approve the remainder of this Act,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitt Romney", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Mitt Romney
Governor

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Section 2			
Supreme Judicial Court Administration			
0320-0003	Reduce	300,000	7,238,951
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Private Counsel Compensation			
0321-1510	Reduce	2,313,696	117,449,609
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Indigent Court Costs			
0321-1520	Reduce	846,790	7,609,723
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation			
0321-1600	Reduce	500,000	8,970,424
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Mental Health Legal Advisors			
0321-2000	Reduce	149,742	603,506
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Trial Court Administration			
0330-0300	Reduce	10,000,000	121,912,460
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Alternative Dispute Resolution			
0330-0410	Reduce Earmarking	148,736	818,590
I am reducing earmarked funding for programs to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Salary Increase for Trial Court Personnel			
0330-3335	Reduce	17,216,360	1,790,963
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Hampden Probate Court			
0333-0700	Reduce	338,946	2,268,339
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Commissioner of Probation			
0339-1001	Reduce	4,184,907	124,864,935
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Community Corrections Administration			
0339-1003	Reduce	341,276	5,520,767
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Community Corrections Programs			
0339-1004	Reduce	2,000,000	14,199,621
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Jury Commissioner			
0339-2100	Reduce	146,208	2,164,249
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Primaries and Elections			
0521-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	43,700	5,293,643
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended.			
Registry of Deeds Relocation Costs			
0540-2500	Reduce	500,000	4,332,633
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Revenue Maximization			
0640-0010	Reduce	8,000,000	2,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Massachusetts Cultural Council			
0640-0300	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,190,949	7,459,051
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
John and Abigail Adams Arts Program			
0640-0351	Reduce	500,000	1,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Victim & Witness Assistance Board			
0840-0100	Reduce	133,954	462,822
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Secretary of Administration and Finance			
1100-1100	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive management decisions.			
Group Insurance Administration			
1108-5100	Reduce	350,000	2,718,229
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Group Insurance Premium & Plan Costs			
1108-5200	Reduce/Strike Wording	122,944,883	853,092,760
I am striking language for program expansion not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Dental and Vision Benefits			
1108-5500	Reduce Earmarking	518,198	6,209,250
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Tax Administration			
1201-0100	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
Water & Sewer Rate Relief			
1231-1000	Veto	25,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Early Education Provider Rate Increase			
1599-0042	Reduce Earmarking	6,250,000	6,250,000
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Clean Water SRF Assistance			
1599-0093	Reduce	288,900	54,618,383
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
CA/T Operation & Maintenance			
1599-1970	Reduce	31,000,000	25,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Drinking Water SRF New Projects			
1599-3838	Reduce	100,100	9,208,706
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
POS Rate Increase			
1599-6901	Reduce Earmarking	14,000,000	14,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Affirmative Marketing Program			
1775-1101	Reduce	224,588	75,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Environmental Affairs Administration			
2000-0100	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
Geographic & Environmental Systems			
2000-9900	Reduce/Strike Wording	400,000	286,415
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Environmental Protection Administration			
2200-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,500,000	32,530,671
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Fish & Game Commissioner			
2300-0100	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			

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Agricultural Resources			
2511-0100	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
Emergency Food Assistance			
2511-0105	Reduce	3,000,000	9,000,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Conservation and Recreation			
2800-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	5,737,218
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Watershed Management Program			
2800-0101	Reduce/Strike Wording	750,000	1,942,275
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Beach Preservation			
2800-0500	Reduce/Strike Wording	285,000	1,450,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
State Parks and Recreation			
2810-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	135,000	22,177,890
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Urban Parks and Recreation			
2820-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,145,000	25,574,207
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Early Education & Care Administration			
3000-1000	Reduce/Strike Wording	198,506	10,753,980
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			

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Childcare Resource & Referral			
3000-2000	Reduce	501,391	11,062,688
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Children's Trust Fund Administration			
3000-2050	Reduce	464,892	917,415
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Supportive Child Care			
3000-3050	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,300,000	53,373,130
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Low-Income Vouchers & Contracts			
30004050	Reduce	2,971,807	160,179,275
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Grants to Head Start Programs			
3000-5000	Reduce	1,000,000	7,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Universal Pre- Kindergarten			
3000-5075	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
Professional Development			
3000-6050	Veto	1,500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Massachusetts Family Networks Program			
3000-7050	Reduce Earmarking	750,000	7,645,694
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Reach Out and Read Program			
3000-7070	Reduce	200,000	800,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Youth-at-Risk Matching Grants			
4000-0112	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,000,000	4,698,100
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
EOHHS and Medicaid Administration			
4000-0300	Reduce/Strike Wording	3,167,000	133,928,096
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds. I am also striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
MassHealth -Managed Care			
4000-0500	Reduce/Strike Wording	25,700,000	2,494,527,848
I am striking language which earmarks funding for program expansion because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
MassHealth - Senior Care Plans			
4000-0600	Reduce/Strike Wording	30,500,000	1,695,809,136
I am striking language which earmarks funding for program expansion because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds. I am also striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
MassHealth -Indemnity and Third Party Liability			
4000-0700	Reduce Earmarking	14,500,000	1,524,137,750
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. I am further reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
MassHealth - Family Assistance			
4000-0880	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,500,000	98,595,712
I am striking language which earmarks funding for program expansion not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Employment Assistance			
4120-3000	Reduce/Strike Wording	400,000	8,063,481
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

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Independent Living			
4120-4000	Reduce	353,511	10,243,975
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Holyoke Pharmacy Retained Revenue			
4190-0102	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it is not a valid restriction on the appropriation.			
Youth Services Administration			
4200-0010	Reduce	182,808	5,273,400
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Committed Non-Residential			
4200-0100	Reduce	363,441	23,078,206
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Teacher Salaries			
4200-0500	Reduce	750,000	2,550,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Transitional Assistance Administration			
4400-1000	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
Employment Services Program			
4401-1000	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it is not a valid restriction on the appropriation.			
TAFDC Grant Payments			
4403-2000	Reduce	3,903,358	292,652,097
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Family Shelters			
4403-2120	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			

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Home and Healthy for Good Pilot Program			
4406-3010	Veto	600,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, & Children			
4408-1000	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
Public Health Administration			
4510-0100	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it is not a valid restriction on the appropriation.			
Environmental Health Program			
4510-0600	Reduce/Strike Wording	264,800	3,244,306
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Nurse Scholarship Program			
4510-0720	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention			
4512-0103	Reduce	735,000	35,653,608
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Gamblers' Treatment			
4512-0225	Reduce	345,058	654,942
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Dental Health Program			
4512-0500	Reduce/Strike Wording	190,000	1,678,150
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Family Health Services			
4513-1000	Reduce Earmarking	250,000	5,114,721
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

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Early Intervention Services			
4513-1020	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,000,000	31,956,637
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services			
4513-1130	Reduce/Strike Wording	158,000	3,577,066
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Health Statistics Division Retained Revenue			
4518-0200	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it is not a valid restriction on the appropriation.			
School Based Health Programs			
4590-0250	Reduce Earmarking	300,000	16,430,544
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary, and I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended.			
Hospital Operations			
4590-0915	Reduce/Strike Wording	2,790,000	126,166,272
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Group Care Services			
4800-0041	Reduce	3,500,000	232,463,159
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Training Institute			
4800-0091	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it is not a valid restriction on the appropriation.			
Family Networks System of Care			
4800-2025	Veto	3,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation,			

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Adult Support Services			
5046-0000	Reduce Earmarking	3,175,000	301,757,778
I am reducing earmarked funding for programs to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Emergency & Acute Services Retained Revenue			
5047-0002	Reduce	787,427	4,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Forensic Services Program			
5055-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	500,000	6,107,903
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program expansion not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Autism Division			
5920-3010	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it is not a valid restriction on the appropriation.			
Turning 22 Program			
5920-5000	Reduce	2,032,330	6,467,670
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Inter-District Transportation			
6000-0200	Veto	2,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission			
6006-0003	Return		
I am returning this item the first time it appears, after item 6005-0015. Full funding for the account appears after item 6030-7201.			
Massachusetts Highway Department			
6010-0001	Reduce/Strike Wording	425,000	16,853,815
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

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Regional Library Local Aid			
7000-9401	Reduce	250,000	15,480,361
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Talking Book Program Worcester			
7000-9402	Reduce	65,000	325,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Talking Book Program Watertown			
7000-9406	Reduce	203,625	1,978,550
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Municipal Libraries Local Aid			
7000-9501	Reduce	100,000	9,189,844
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary			
Technology & Resource Sharing			
7000-9506	Reduce	794,000	2,039,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Public Library Matching Incentive Grant Program			
7000-9507	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Long Term Care Career Ladder Program			
7003-0604	Veto	1,500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership			
7003-0605	Veto	850,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Workforce Development Grants			
7003-0702	Reduce/Strike Wording	6,334,000	3,300,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

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Housing Main Administration			
7004-0099	Reduce/Strike Wording	1,847,000	9,478,833
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Soft Second Mortgage			
7004-2475	Reduce	1,500,000	3,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Housing Services Program			
7004-3036	Reduce/Strike Wording	221,925	1,600,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program			
7004-9024	Reduce	3,200,000	24,283,345
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Residential Assistance for Families in Transition			
7004-9316	Reduce	2,000,000	3,000,000
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Biotech Research Institute			
7007-0500	Veto	700,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Regional Development Projects			
7007-0515	Reduce/Strike Wording	500,000	450,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Office of Travel and Tourism			
7007-0900	Reduce/Strike Wording	16,588,000	12,667,852
I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

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Commonwealth Zoological Corporation			
7007-0951	Reduce	800,000	6,050,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Department of Education			
7010-0005	Reduce/Strike Wording	150,000	10,902,905
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
METCO			
7010-0012	Reduce	1,000,000	18,615,313
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
School-to-Work Matching Grants			
7027-0016	Reduce/Strike Wording	200,000	2,129,566
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Early Literacy Grants			
7030-1003	Reduce Earmarking	50,000	3,622,990
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Targeted Tutorial Literacy			
7030-1005	Reduce Earmarking	200,000	2,700,000
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary. The reduction in the item incorporates the reduction in earmarked funds.			
Adult Basic Skills			
7035-0002	Reduce/Strike Wording	200,000	29,322,628
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Regional School Transportation			
7035-0006	Reduce/Strike Wording	5,500,000	50,000,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Education Waiver Reserve			
7061-0011	Veto	4,500,000	
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Education Reform Audits			
7061-0029	Reduce	930,618	2,500,000
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
MCAS Low-Scoring Student Support			
7061-9404	Reduce/Strike Wording	370,000	9,962,793
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Franklin Institute			
7061-9619	Reduce	300,000	
I am reducing this item to an amount consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Bay State Reading Institute			
7080-0200	Veto	1,500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
University of Massachusetts			
7100-0200	Reduce	5,000,000	438,803,408
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Toxics Use Reduction Institute			
7100-0300	Reduce	58,927	1,265,021
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Office of Dispute Resolution			
7100-0700	Veto	166,440	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Bridgewater State College			
7109-0100	Reduce	454,132	36,705,098
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Fitchburg State College			
7110-0100	Reduce	315,726	25,518,458
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Framingham State College			
7112-0100	Reduce	273,617	22,115,047
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts			
7113-0100	Reduce	159,461	12,888,427
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Salem State College			
7114-0100	Reduce	433,536	35,040,449
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Salem State Aquaculture			
7114-0105	Veto	200,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Salem State College Second Degree Program			
7114-0106	Veto	922,313	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Westfield State College			
7115-0100	Reduce	267,238	21,599,490
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Worcester State College			
7116-0100	Reduce	269,120	21,751,607
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Massachusetts College of Art			
7117-0100	Reduce	166,018	13,418,375
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Massachusetts Maritime Academy			
7118-0100	Reduce	161,152	13,025,091
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Berkshire Community College			
7502-0100	Reduce	96,665	8,548,182
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Bristol Community College			
7503-0100	Reduce	165,676	14,650,904
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Cape Cod Community College			
7504-0100	Reduce	117,369	10,379,094
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Greenfield Community College			
7505-0100	Reduce	95,685	8,461,553
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Holyoke Community College			
7506-0100	Reduce	191,434	16,928,769
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Massachusetts Bay Community College			
7507-0100	Reduce	149,226	13,196,206
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Massasoit Community College			
7508-0100	Reduce	209,806	18,553,457
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Mount Wachusett Community College			
7509-0100	Reduce	127,879	11,308,511
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Northern Essex Community College			
7510-0100	Reduce	197,537	17,468,494
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
North Shore Community College			
7511-0100	Reduce	211,141	18,671,476
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
North Shore Community College Public Policy			
7511-0101	Veto	250,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Quiusigamond Community College			
7512-0100	Reduce	158,350	14,003,125
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Springfield Technical Community College			
7514-0100	Reduce	249,410	22,055,691
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Roxbury Community College			
7515-0100	Reduce	109,020	9,640,809
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Middlesex Community College			
7516-0100	Reduce	206,991	18,304,494
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Bunker Hill Community College			
7518-0100	Reduce/Strike Wording	321,810	18,799,451
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Executive Office of Public Safety			
8000-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	150,000	2,148,049
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Fire Safety Equipment Grant			
8000-0050	Veto	2,500,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Sex Offender Registry Board			
8000-0125	Strike Wording		
I am striking language that is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Fire Education Program			
8000-0619	Veto	1,078,666	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Department of State Police			
8100-0000	Reduce Earmarking	2,508,220	218,423,497
I am reducing earmarked funding and striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended. I am further reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Department of Fire Services Administration			
8324-0000	Reduce/Strike Wording	100,000	10,827,047
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Department of Correction Facilities			
8900-0001	Reduce/Strike Wording	80,000	452,267,512
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended. The reduction in the item incorporates the amount of the stricken earmarked funds.			
Hampden Sheriff			
8910-0102	Reduce	2,460,474	63,803,702
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Worcester Sheriff			
8910-0105	Reduce	1,549,848	42,096,029
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Middlesex Sheriff			
8910-0107	Reduce Earmarking	6,563,928	56,147,510
I am reducing earmarked funding for a program to the amount projected to be necessary, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
Hampshire Sheriff			
8910-0110	Reduce	339,557	11,685,032
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Berkshire Sheriff			
8910-0145	Reduce	491,279	14,443,695
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			
Prescription Advantage			
9110-1455	Reduce Earmarking	4,300,000	59,272,979
I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary, and I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			
Homemaker Wage Add-On			
9110-1635	Veto	1,000,000	0
I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 recommendation.			
Grants to Councils On Aging			
9110-9002	Reduce/Strike Wording	250,000	7,300,000
I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary.			

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Item Number	Action	Reduce By	Reduce To
<i>Section 2B</i>			
Saltonstall Lease Payments			
1 102-3224	Strike Wording		
I am striking language because it inappropriately imposes Legislative controls on Executive Branch management decisions.			

Attachment B
FY07 Budget
Veto Items: Outside Sections

Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth

Section 4

I am vetoing this section because it is duplicative.

MOTT and MetroZoos Parks

Section 48

I am vetoing this section because the transferral of zoo control from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Massachusetts Office of Tourism and Travel is not prudent at this time.

Zoo Definition

Section 49

I am vetoing this section because it is consistent with my veto of section 48.

Commonwealth Zoological Corporation

Section 50

I am vetoing this section because it is consistent with my veto of section 48.

Commonwealth Zoological Corporation

Section 51

I am vetoing this section because it is consistent with my veto of section 48.

Commonwealth Zoological Corporation

Section 52

I am vetoing this section because it is consistent with my veto of section 48.

Community Spouse Resource Allowance

Section 58

I am vetoing this section because the legislature has severely underestimated the cost of enacting this change by at least \$11.6 million.

Trial Court Structure

Section 59

I am vetoing this section because it appears arbitrary without regard to the efficiency of judicial administration.

Trial Court Structure

Section 60

I am vetoing this section because it is consistent with my veto of section 59 of this act.

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FY07 Budget
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Trial Court Structure

Section 61

I am vetoing this section because it is consistent with my veto of section 59 of this act.

MassHealth Non-Emergency Transportation

Section 94

I am vetoing this section because the legislature has severely underestimated the cost of enacting this change by at least \$4.1 million.

Stabilization Fund Transfer

Section 103

I am vetoing this section because the Stabilization Fund should not be utilized during periods of robust revenue growth to support a level of growth that is not sustainable.

GIC Commission

Section 104

I am vetoing this section because it improperly imposes legislative controls on the executive branch's management decision and is duplicative.

Effective Date

Section 129

I am vetoing this section because it is consistent with my veto of section 4 of this act,

House Docket, No. 5322

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5151

Message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendations of amendments sections 93, 95, 106, 117 and 123 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 for the maintenance of the departments, -boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain improvements. (see House, No. 5000).

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Section 93 printed as House, No. 5152).

Section 95 printed as House, No. 5153).

Section 106 printed as House, No. 5154).

Section 117 printed as House, No. 5155).

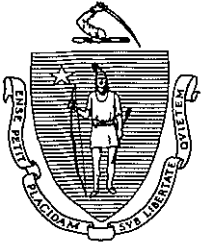
Section 123 printed as House, No. 5156).

Message read; and referred, on motion of

to the committee on BILLS IN THE THIRD READING.

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ATTACHMENT C

July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 93 of House Bill 5000, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2007 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities for the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

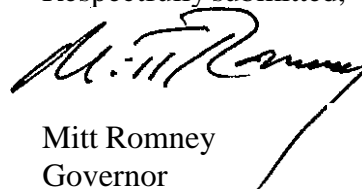
Section 93 requires the division of health care policy and finance to allocate \$288.5 million in Fiscal Year 2006 from the health care quality improvement trust fund for supplemental reimbursements to nursing care facilities. The fund is financed principally from a uniform provider tax on nursing homes under Chapter 118G of the General Laws.

In order to be consistent with my veto of \$30.5 million in rate increased in line-item 4000-0600 in section 2 of this act, the law needs to be amended so that nursing facility rate reviews are on a biennial basis rather than an annual basis.

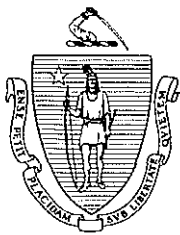
I therefore recommend that section 93 of H.5000 be amended by adding the following new subsection:-

(c) Section 7 of chapter 118G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 2, the word "annually" and inserting in place thereof the following:- biennially.

Respectfully submitted,


Mitt Romney
Governor

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ATTACHMENT D

July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

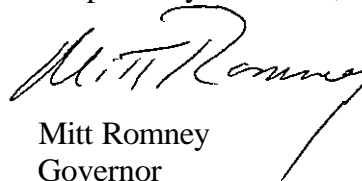
Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 95 of House Bill 5000, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2007 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities for the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

Section 95 requires a transfer of \$38 million from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund to the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund for payments to acute hospitals and community health centers in Fiscal Year 2007.

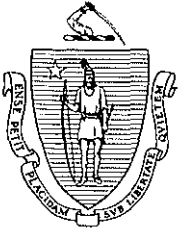
Federal financial participation is no longer available to reimburse spending from this fund and therefore to maintain the same state contribution level of funding it is necessary to reduce the transfer by half.

I therefore recommend that section 95 of H.5000 be amended by striking out the number "38,000,000" and replacing it with number "19,000,000"

Respectfully submitted,


Mitt Romney
Governor

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July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

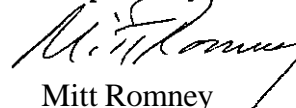
Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 106 of House Bill 5000, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2007 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities for the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

Section 106 allows Prescription Advantage to send and receive information about a member's enrollment status in a Medicare Part D plan. This information is necessary to ensure that Prescription Advantage is a supplemental program for those eligible for Medicare Part D, and the first payor only for those ineligible for Part D.

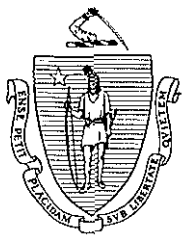
However, the section also includes language that requires prior legislative approval of any changes to cost-sharing by enrollees. This language unduly puts legislative controls on the Secretary of Elder Affairs to manage this program in an efficient and fiscally viable manner.

I therefore recommend that section 106 of H.5000 be amended by striking out the second sentence.

Respectfully submitted,


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Governor

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ATTACHMENT F

July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 117 of House Bill 5000, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2007 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities for the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

Section 117 incorrectly provides for the extension of a specific former member's term on the Massachusetts Turnpike Board. The enactment of this section would be an unconstitutional usurpation of the Governor's appointment powers.

In the spirit of good government, I am recommending that section 117 of H. 5000 be amended by striking it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:-

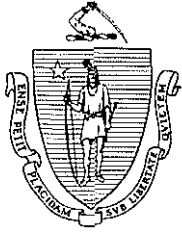
Notwithstanding chapter 81A of the General Laws or any other general or special to the contrary, the Massachusetts Turnpike Board in order to facilitate transparency and public awareness shall meet at least monthly, during the normal business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in a location that is convenient and easily accessible to the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitt Romney".

Mitt Romney
Governor

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ATTACHMENT G

July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

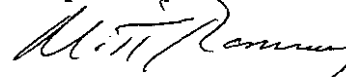
Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 123 of House Bill 5000, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2007 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities for the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

Section 123 directs the Comptroller to transfer up to \$346 million to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund created Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 otherwise referred to as the Health Care Reform legislation.

I propose amending this section to reduce the amount of the transfer from \$346 million to \$251 million because any level of supplemental payments over \$251 million will threaten federal budget neutrality.

I therefore recommend that section 123 of H.5000 be amended by striking the number "346,000,000" and replacing it with the number "251,000,000"

Respectfully submitted,


Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5328

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5157

Message from-His Excellency—the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill establishing a personal care attendant quality home care workforce council (see House, No. 4758, amended). —

H.R. July 8, 2006.

Filed in the office of the Clerk (at 12:05 P.M.).

July 10, 2006.

Message read; and referred, on motion of

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July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning to you for amendment House Bill No. 4758, "An Act Establishing a Personal Care Attendant Quality Home Care Workforce Council."

There are several provisions of this legislation that are troubling and I believe that we should exercise caution before enacting this legislation into law.

House Bill No. 4758 potentially jeopardizes a program that currently provides essential services to more than 13,000 disabled residents of the Commonwealth. The MassHealth Personal Care Attendant (PCA) program helps individuals with disabilities obtain the assistance they need to live independently in their community. The personal care attendants employed by individuals with disabilities perform valuable work for which they are to be commended.

The Massachusetts PCA program enjoys a national reputation as one of the first programs of its kind to recognize consumer choice by allowing individuals with disabilities to make employment decisions.

House Bill No. 4758 would interfere with this relationship between individuals with disabilities and their employees. The legislation would confer public employee status on personal care attendants for collective bargaining purposes. It is estimated that enactment of this legislation could make an additional 15,000 to 20,000 individuals public employees subject to Chapter 150E. This would have a significant impact on MassHealth costs, as well as private companies and not-for-profit organizations.

The legislation also creates a nine person Personal Care Attendant Quality Home Care Workforce Council to recruit and train personal care attendants. This bureaucracy further interferes in the relationship between individuals with disabilities and their employees. The legislation contains no funding to support the administration of the Council or the recruitment, training, and other activities with which the Council is charged. The governor, attorney general and auditor would appoint three members each to the Council. I object to delegating appointment power to the offices of attorney

general and the auditor, considering that the two constitutional officers may at some point have to audit or investigate the Council or its employees.

Unlike most collective bargaining negotiations that are governed by Chapter 150E and are negotiated by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, the proposed legislation appoints the Council as the entity that is responsible for negotiating the terms of collective bargaining agreements. Given the potential composition of the Council, I am concerned that this change in collective bargaining policy will result in unrealistic and unsustainable collective bargaining agreements. House Bill No. 4758 contains no funding to support collective bargaining agreements that may result from the Council's negotiations.

Given the aforementioned concerns and the possible significant fiscal impact, I am proposing an amendment that will establish a commission to study personal care and the personal care workforce and make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor.

I therefore propose the following amendment:

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:-

SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:-

"PCA quality home care workforce commission", or "commission," the Personal Care Attendant quality home care workforce commission established under this act.

"Consumer," a person to whom a personal care attendant provides any personal care services.

"Personal care attendant," a person, including a personal aide, who has been selected by a consumer or the consumer's surrogate to provide personal care services to persons with disabilities or seniors.

"Surrogate," the consumer's legal guardian, or other person identified in a written agreement with the consumer, as responsible for hiring, directing and firing, on behalf of the consumer.

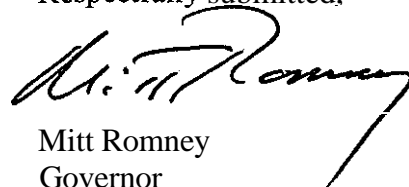
SECTION 2. There is hereby established a PCA quality home care workforce commission to study the quality of long-term, in-home, personal care and the recruitment, training, and stabilization of the work force of personal care attendants. Said commission shall consist of 9 members appointed in accordance with this section. At all times, a majority of the members of the commission shall be consumers as defined in this act. The secretary of health and human services, ex officio, and the director of workforce development, ex officio, or their designees, shall serve as members of the commission. The secretary of health and human services shall serve as chairperson of the commission. The governor shall appoint four consumers, two consumer surrogates and one member chosen at his discretion. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. Members of the commission shall not receive compensation for their commission service but members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 3. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature and the governor and make the report available to the public upon submission to the governor and the legislature. The report will be submitted by December 1, 2007.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) an evaluation of the health, welfare, and satisfaction with services provided of the consumers receiving long-term in-home personal care services from personal care attendants;
- (b) the degree to which all required services are delivered;
- (c) the degree to which consumers receiving services from personal care attendants have ultimately required additional or more intensive services, such as home health care, or have been placed in other residential settings or nursing homes;
- (d) an explanation of the full cost of personal care services;
- (e) an analysis of current efforts to identify and recruit prospective personal care attendants;
- (f) an analysis of available training opportunities for personal care attendants and consumers;
- (g) an analysis of available assistance to consumers and consumer surrogates in finding personal care attendants through an already existing referral directory of personal care attendants; and,
- (h) recommendations to the legislature and the governor for any legislation that will further ensure the well-being of consumers, and the most efficient means of delivering required services.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5329

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5158

~~Message from His Excellency the~~
Governor returning with his objections
thereto-in-writing the engrossed Bill relative
to compensation of justices (see House, No.
5093, amend d).

H.R. July 8, 2006.

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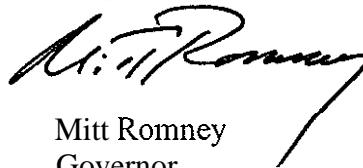
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5093, "An Act Relative to Compensation of Judges."

My proposed amendment, dated June 24, 2006, would have reduced judicial pay raises to a more modest 4.1%. Unfortunately, the Legislature did not adopt my proposed amendment. I do not believe that the increases included in House Bill No. 5093 are justifiable or prudent.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5093.

Respectfully submitted,


Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5330
Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5159

~~Message from His Excellency the~~
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July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

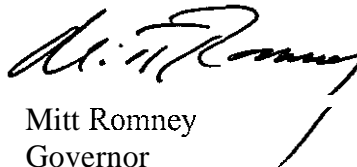
Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 5094, "An Act Relative to Compensation of Sheriffs."

I am returning this proposal unsigned for the second time in less than two weeks. Previously, on June 24, 2006, I vetoed section 17 of House Bill No. 5056.

Under House Bill No. 5056, all sheriffs will receive an increase in compensation because their salaries are statutorily linked to the salaries of judges. The enactment of House Bill No. 5095 would result in an additional retroactive pay raise for some sheriffs by increasing the statutory percentage received relative to the compensation of judges.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5094.

Respectfully submitted,


Mitt Romney
Governor

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House, No. 5160

Message- from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed-Bill relative to compensation of certain court employees (see House, No. 5095, amended).....

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5095, "An Act Relative to Compensation of Certain Court Employees."

I am returning this proposal unsigned for the second time in less than two weeks. Previously, on June 24, 2006, I vetoed sections 35, 39, 40, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 of House Bill No. 5056.

Under House Bill No. 5056, certain court employees will receive an increase in compensation because their salaries are statutorily linked to the salaries of judges. The enactment of House Bill No. 5095 would result in an additional retroactive pay raise for some court employees by increasing the statutory percentage received relative to the compensation of judges.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5095.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5332

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5161

Message from His Excellency the
Governor returning with his objections
thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative
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July 8, 2006

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 5096, "An Act Relative to the Commonwealth Zoological Society."

My proposed amendment, dated June 24, 2006, was unfortunately not adopted by the Legislature. I do not believe that it is appropriate to use operating funds to pay for capital costs associated with the Massachusetts Zoological Society. Funding for the other project included in this legislation, however, was maintained in the appropriate line item account in House Bill No. 5056 and is therefore still available for expenditure, notwithstanding my veto of this legislation.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5096.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5333

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5162

Message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to certain programs within the Executive Office of Public Safety (see House, No. 5098, amended).

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House Docket, No. 5330
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House, No. 5159

~~Message from His Excellency the~~
Governor returning with his objections
theretoin-writing the ~~engrossed Bill~~ relative
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House, No. 5160

Message- from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed-Bill relative to compensation of certain court employees (see House, No. 5095, amended).....

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 5098, "An Act Relative to Certain Programs within the Executive Office of Public Safety."

My proposed amendment, dated June 24, 2006, was unfortunately not adopted by the Legislature. I remain opposed to the two eannarks that my amendment sought to strike and do not believe that they are a sound use of taxpayer funds. Funding for the other projects included in this legislation, however, were maintained in the appropriate line item account in House Bill No. 5056 and are therefore still available for expenditure, notwithstanding my veto of this legislation.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5334
Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5163

Message from His Excellency the
Governor returning with his objections
thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative
to the Transitional Escrow Fund (see House,
No. 5099, amended).

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 5099, "An Act Relative to the Transitional Escrow Fund."

My proposed amendment of section 132 of House Bill No. 5056, dated June 24, 2006, was unfortunately not adopted by the Legislature. Section 132 referenced section 133, which I vetoed. Because the Legislature has not sustained or overridden my veto of section 133 the status of section 132 remains in doubt.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5099.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5335

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5164

Message from His Excellency the
Governor returning with his objections
thereto in writing the engrossed Bill
establishing the Massachusetts cultural
facilities fund (see House, No. 5103,
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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 5103, "An Act Establishing the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund."

My proposed amendment, dated June 24, 2006, was unfortunately not adopted by the Legislature. My amendment would have removed language authorizing retired debt service related to the Hynes Convention Center to be shifted to the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund.

Because my proposed amendment was not adopted, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5103.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5336

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5165

Message ~~from His Excellency the~~
Governor returning with his objections
thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative
to the generation-of electricity_-(see House,
No. 5104, amended). - -

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5104, "An Act Relative to the Generation of Electricity."

House Bill No. 5104 adds both new and old hydroelectric facilities to the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard program. When these same provisions were presented to me in the Economic Stimulus Bill, I proposed an amendment that would have promoted the generation of new renewable resources while protecting Massachusetts ratepayers. Unfortunately the Legislature did not adopt my proposed amendment.

House Bill No. 5104 will significantly increase costs to consumers. An analysis by the Division of Energy Resources suggests that the additional cost to Massachusetts ratepayers could exceed \$50 million annually, nearly all of which would flow as a windfall to already existing hydroelectric units located outside the Commonwealth.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5104.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitt Romney
Governor

House Docket, No. 5337

Filed: July 8, 2006

House, No. 5166

Message from His Excellency the
Governor returning with his objections
thereto in writing the--engrossed--Bill
establishing certain educational funds (see
House, No. 5105, amended). _ _

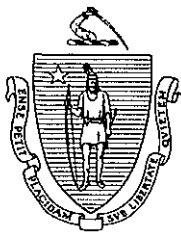
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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 5105, "An Act Establishing Certain Education Funds."

This reenacted legislation creates five new funds, two of which I do not support (International Education Fund and Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund). In my June 24, 2006 amendment letter I proposed striking those two funds, but the Legislature did not adopt my proposed amendment. In addition, I vetoed sections 6 and 7 of House Bill No. 5057, which relate to the International Education Fund. The vetoes of these two sections have not been sustained or overridden, thereby leaving the status of this fund in doubt.

For these reasons, I am returning to you unsigned House Bill No. 5105.

Respectfully submitted,

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